GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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Schools for Tribals
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of schools for tribals including Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) set up in the country including Maharashtra, State/UT-wise; and

(b) whether the Government propsoes to setup moe schools including EMRS in Tribal Areas of the country including Maharashtra;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State/UT- wise; and

(d) the other steps taken/propsoed to be taken by the Government to provide middle and high level quality education to tribal students in the country including Maharashtra?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI JASWANTSINH SUMANBHAI BHABHOR)

(a) Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs) with the capacity of 480 students in each school are set up in the States/ UTs under the programme under Article 275(1) of the Constitution of India on the pattern of Rajkiya Pratibha Vikas Vidyalayas (RPVVs) of Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas, the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas and the Kendriya Vidyalayas. Ministry of Tribal Affairs approves grants for these schools. Besides, residential Ashram schools are also set up under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Establishment of Ashram Schools in Tribal Sub Plan Areas'.A total of 227 EMRSs and 892 Ashram Schools have been sanctioned by the Ministry across the country so far, State-wise details is as under:

S No. State EMRS Ashram School
1. Andhra Pradesh 14 78
2. Arunachal Pradesh 04 0
3. Assam 03 01
4. Bihar 02 0
5. Chhattisgarh 16 134
6. Goa 01 01
7. Gujarat 23 164
8. Himachal Pradesh 01 0
9. Jammu & Kashmir 02 0
10. Jharkhand 15 02
11. Karnataka 19 19
12. Kerala 02 11
13. Madhya Pradesh 29 242
14. Maharashtra 14 95
15. Manipur 03 0
16. Mizoram 06 0
17. Nagaland 05 0
18. Odisha 22 97
19. Rajasthan 17 09
20. Sikkim 03 01
21. Tamilnadu 02 0
22. Tripura 04 24
23. Telangana 09 0
24. Uttrakhand 01 12
25. Uttar Pradesh 03 02
26. West Bengal 07 0
Total School Sanction 227 892

Further, as per the information received from Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Human Resource Development (MoHRD), the MoHRD in association with State Governments and UT Administrations implements the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) for universalization of elementary education in country for all the children in the age group of 6-14

years. Under the SSA, districts with 25% and above population of Scheduled Tribes (STs) have been identified as Special Focus Districts (SFDs). The number of such districts is 109. So far under SSA, 106 residential schools with a capacity of 16200 students and 190 hostels with a capacity of 1255 students have been sanctioned in 109 ST dominated SFDs.

(b) & (c): Ministry of Tribal Affairs implements schemes/ programmes which are primarily aimed at filling critical gaps. In the process, proposals including setting up of tribal schools are submitted by the State Governments and are sanctioned by this Ministry after approval by the Project Appraisal Committee (PAC) subject to availability of funds.
(d) The objective of EMRS and Ashram schools is to provide quality middle and high level education to Scheduled Tribe (ST) students in remote areas across the country including Maharashtra, not only to enable them to avail of reservation in high and professional educational courses and get jobs in government and public and private sectors, but also to have access to the best opportunities in education at par with the non ST population.

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